GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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BLENDING OF ETHANOL WITH PETROL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched the scheme for blending ethanol with petrol;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the percentage of ethanol blending and the dates from which blended petrol is to be introduced in different States and Union Territories; and

(c) the quantum of ethanol produced in various States and to what extent it is utilised in blending of petrol?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a&b) Yes sir. 9 major sugar producing States and 4 Union Territories would be covered with 5% ethanol blended petrol by 30th June 2003 in the first phase of implementation of the scheme of 5% ethanol blended petrol.

(c) Presently the manufacturing capacity of anhydrous ethanol is 1,94,220 KL per year in the above 9 States and 4 UTs. To match the demand and supply figure additional units for manufacture of anhydrous ethanol are coming up in next 3-6 months.